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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION FILED IN
CONNECTION WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUING EXAMINATION**

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated December 18, 2001, issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the Office Action originally was due March 18, 2002. On June 18, 2002, a Notice of Appeal and Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time was filed, thereby extending the deadline to file a Brief on Appeal or take other action to August 18, 2002. This deadline is extendible up to January 18, 2003, upon petition and payment of a five month extension fee. Enclosed herewith is the Petition for a Five